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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin today announced the filing of a three-count indictment¹ charging **MIGUEL DOMINGUEZ** and **RICHARD BAEZ** with conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery, interference with interstate commerce by robbery, and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence conspiracy to commit armed robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951, 924(c), and 2.

The indictment alleges that on or about April 17, 2007, defendants RICHARD BAEZ and MIGUEL DOMINGUEZ robbed rob the Econolodge, located at 2115 Downeyflake Lane in Allentown, Pennsylvania using a short-barred shotgun and stole money.

Both defendants face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a consecutive 10-year mandatory minimum term of imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a 750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	RESIDENCE	AGE
RICHARD BAEZ	Allentown, PA	23
MIGUEL DOMINGUEZ	Allentown, PA	22

This investigation and prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case has been investigated by Allentown Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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